

**CITY OF BRAWLEY**  
**January 3, 2012**

The City Council and Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Brawley, California met in a regular meeting at 6:00 PM, Council Chambers, 383 Main Street, Brawley, California, the date, time and place duly established for the holding of said meeting. The City Clerk attests to the posting of the agenda pursuant to G.C. §54954.2.

The meeting was called to order by *Mayor Nava* @ 6:03 PM

The invocation was offered by *CM Campbell*

The pledge of allegiance to our flag was led by *CM Miranda*

**PRESENT:** Campbell, Couchman, Kelley, Miranda, Nava  
**ABSENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The council *approved* agenda as submitted. m/s/c Campbell/Miranda 5-0.

**AYES:** Campbell, Couchman, Kelley, Miranda, Nava  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**1. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS**

*Mr. Tomas Oliva, SCAG Imperial County Regional Affairs Officer*, distributed information regarding the Draft 2012-2013 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Workshop and Caltrans FY 2012/2013 Regional Planning Grant Fund Cycle.

*Mr. Oliva* also presented *Ms. Bayon Moore* with a plaque for her last 2 years of service to SCAG Regional Office in Imperial County.

**2. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**a. Monthly Staffing Report – Shirley Bonillas, Personnel & Risk Management Administration.**

*CM Bayon Moore* reviewed the monthly staff report due in *Ms. Bonillas* absence.

**b. Update on Calipatria State Prison Inmate Labor Crew – Karin Morgan, Parks & Recreation Director.**

*P&RD Morgan* briefed the Council on the State Prison System reducing the level-one inmate population throughout the State of California. The prison estimates that they may lose up to 50% of their inmate work force by the summer of 2012. The reduction in the inmate population will likely impact the City of Brawley with the loss of one work crew and potentially both work crews by this summer.

**c. Update on Financial Implications of CRA v. Matosantos – Ruby Walla, Finance Director**

*FD Walla* briefed the Council on the RDA – Legislation and Impacts of Supreme Court: the Supreme Court upheld ABX1 26 and ruled ABX1 27 as invalid. What was considered as the worst case scenario became a reality as this eliminates redevelopment revenue source for cities across the state. In correspondence received from CRA, “At the time of passing ABX1 26 and 27, it was clear the legislature did not intend to abolish redevelopment. We will take lawmakers at their word and ask that they immediately reconvene to pass new legislation to revive redevelopment in California.” What does this mean for Brawley CRA? The RDA funds 50% of the City Manager, Planning Director, Fire Marshal, Code Enforcement Officer, ECD/RDA Coordinator, Grants Coordinator and Administrative Secretary in the Planning Department. In the Low & Moderate Housing Department, it funds 50% of the Housing Rehab Manager, Inspector, Bookkeeper and 25% of the Administrative Secretary. Other expenditures are as follows: Chamber of Commerce \$35,000, Imperial Valley Film Commission \$9,000, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation \$5,000, State Prison Crew \$110,000 and Construction of the Fire Station.

**d. Update on Water Breaks from December 27, 2011 to January 3, 2012 – Yazmin Arellano, Public Works Director**

1. Main and Chavez: 4” cast iron main = repair clamp
2. N. Eastern & Rubio: 8” cast iron main = repair clamp
3. 400 block J St.: 8” cast iron main = repair clamp
4. 400 block I St.: 8” cast iron main = repair clamp
5. 3<sup>rd</sup> and G: 8” cast iron main = install new section
6. 300 Block West B Street
7. 200 Block West I Street
8. 7<sup>th</sup> St. and B Street
9. 260 W. Main Street (behind Rally’s)
10. 3<sup>rd</sup> and E Street – leaky valve.

All these breaks involved are tuberculated cast iron lines. Most of these pipeline replacement locations are included in the Capital Improvement Program. No unusual conditions identified to explain events.

**e. Update on break-ins at the Brawley Public Library – Marjo Mello, Library Director**

*LD Mello* briefed the council on two (2) break-ins had at the library. Nothing was stolen state cuts will affect the library programs including the Literacy and Serra Cooperative System which allow for sharing of books from other libraries and city's summer reading program.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda was *approved* as followed. m/s/c Miranda/Campbell 5-0

**AYES:** Campbell, Couchman, Kelley, Miranda, Nava  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

- a. Approval of City Council Minutes for November 1, 2011.

**4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**a. Redevelopment Agency Audit/Annual Financial Report FY 2010-2011**

*Staff Report - Ruby Walla, Finance Director*

*FD Walla* briefed council regarding the Redevelopment Agency Audit/Annual Financial Report FY 2010-2011. The Auditor's Findings were also reviewed.

The council *motioned* to approve the RDA Annual Audit Report 2010-2011. m/s/c Miranda/Couchman 5-0

**b. Rejection of bid for the City of Brawley Water Treatment Plant Variable Frequency Drives**

*Staff Report – Yazmin Arellano, Public Works Director*

The council *motioned* to reject the bid for the City of Brawley Water Treatment Plant Variable Frequency Drives. m/s/c Campbell/Miranda 5-0

**5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS**

*Campbell:* Reported on the House of Bread Ministries Food and Toy Drive @ the Lion's Center. Thanked the Brawley Police and Fire Department and staff for hard work.

*Couchman:* Attended the Mixer at the Power of Yoga. Thanked staff for hard work with recent water breaks and that includes the Police and Fire Department, as well.

**Kelley:** Attended festivities during the holidays.

**Miranda:** Inquired about weeds and debris in vicinity of 1<sup>st</sup> Street areas (K-Hovanian)  
Inquired about the water leak behind Dollar Tree.

**CM Bayon Moore** stated that staff is working on the two (2) items and update will be provided at next city council meeting.

**Nava:** Attended the mixer at the Power of Yoga. Observed crews working and thanked staff for their hard work. Thanked the Fire Department for assisting the Toy Drive at the ACC where Santa Claus arrived by a fire engine.

#### **6. CITY MANGER/CITY ATTORNEY/CITY CLERK REPORTS**

**Bayon Moore:** Reported that the Brawley Chamber of Commerce had contacted her regarding the Mayor's Breakfast. A date has been tentatively set for March 9, 2012.

**Morita:** Nothing to report

**Benavides:** Nothing to report

#### **7. ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION**

#### **REPORT OF ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY, BY CITY ATTORNEY.**

None to report

**ADJOURNMENT** @ 7:50 PM

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*Alma Benavides*, City Clerk